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CARBOXYPEPTIDASE B

Art Unit:

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2. A protein comprising peptidase activity towards brain APP, wherein said protein is selected from the group consisting of,
(a) a protein comprising an amino acid sequence in which one or more amino acids are replaced, deleted, inserted, and/or added to the amino acid sequence of any one of SEQ ID NOS: 2 to 4,